

NO PARALYSIS AT GOOD WILL, DOCTOR SAYS

Camp Officials Declare Child
Who Is Ill Merely Has
Tonsillitis.

SEE NO DANGER OF SCOURGE

Statement Is Made on Author-
ity of Physician in Charge of
Kiddies.

Emphatic denial that there even
was a suspicion of infantile paraly-
sis at Camp Good Will was made
today by Acting Secretary Faust,
of the Social Service House, which
has supervision of Camp Good
Will.

"There never was at any time
the slightest suspicion that the
child under Dr. Heinecke's treat-
ment had infantile paralysis,"
stated Mr. Faust this morning.
"The child had a very clearly de-
fined, though not serious, attack of
tonsillitis. Yesterday it also de-
veloped a slight stomach trouble, the
combination causing a convulsion
such as infants frequently have
under such circumstances.

WOMAN SPREADS ALARM.

"One of the foreign women at the
camp saw the child at the time it had
the convulsion and apparently rushed
out of camp with her baby and stated
that a case of infantile paralysis had
occurred. Another woman also left the
camp, also an excitable foreign woman.
"There was absolutely no idea that
the sick child had infantile paralysis at
any time. Her actual ailments were
clearly defined and correctly diagnosed
by Dr. Heinecke.

"The precautions that are adopted at
Camp Good Will would, we are told, ab-
solutely prevent the introduction of in-
fantile paralysis or any other contagious
disease at the camp.

Puzzled by Report.

"We are at a loss to understand why
such a report regarding the camp could
be circulated, even if such persons as
the highly excitable and naturally sus-
ceptible foreign women, should start them.
We would be glad to have these women
in camp again that we might convince
them of their error.

"Today the camp is perfectly normal,
there is no excitement, and the sick child
is doing well."

Liner Was Shelled As She Went Down

Women and Children Lost on
Letimbro, Sunk by U-Boat
in Mediterranean.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Between 90 and
100 persons are missing and may have
perished in the sinking of the Italian
mail steamer Letimbro by a submarine
in the Mediterranean. Included among
those unaccounted for are many women
and children.
Dispatches received here today said
that only three boat loads of survivors
have been landed thus far, two at Sy-
racuse and one at Malta.
Survivors declared that a panic en-
sued during the lowering of the boats
when the submarine, overhauling the
steamer after a short chase, began
shelling her at close range. A number
of passengers and crew are reported to
have been killed and wounded by
shell-fire.
The Letimbro is the first large pas-
senger liner sunk by a submarine in
several months. She was attacked by
one of the fleet of Austro-German sub-
marines, which has displayed great
activity in the Mediterranean within
the past few days.

U. S. to Take No Action On Shelling of Letimbro

Judging from reports of survivors, the
United States has no immediate interest
in the shelling and sinking of the Italian
mail steamer Letimbro by a submarine.
State Department officials said today.
There were no Americans reported
aboard and no vessel was said to have
been attempting to escape.
American consuls near the scene of the
disaster will make inquiries, however, to
determine whether any Americans were
among the crew or passengers.

20 STAND WAIST DEEP FOR 2 HOURS IN RIVER

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4.—Marooned
on a small island in the middle of the
Delaware, twenty men and women,
whose cruiser had capsized, stood waist
deep in water for two hours early to-
day and watched the tide slowly sur-
rounding them before rescuers arrived.
The party was coming up the river on
the cruiser Yachtman, Captain Harrington,
when the small vessel struck a rock
and capsized. Captain Harrington man-
aged to beach the boat on the island,
and then swam ashore for help. At high
tide the island is under ten feet of water.

Lansing and Brun Sign Danish Indies Treaty

A formal treaty providing for the
purchase by the United States of the
Danish West Indies was signed in New
York today by Secretary of State Robert
Lansing, representing the United
States, and Constantin Brun, the Danish
minister.

Under the terms of the agree-
ment, which must be submit-
ted for ratification not only to the
United States Congress and the Danish
Parliament, but also to the people of the
islands to be acquired, the American Gov-
ernment would obtain the islands of St.
Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas, lying east
of Porto Rico, upon payment of \$25,000,000
and a surrender of all the American discovery
rights in the north of Green-
land.

GERMANS STRIKE BACK NEAR VERDUN

Claim Recapture of Fleury in
Desperate Effort to Retrieve
Ground Lost.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—Their Verdun cam-
paign imperiled by French successes
northeast of the fortress city, the Ger-
mans struck back with a most powerful
counter-blow on the Fleury-Thiaumont
front last night and early today.

The German war office this afternoon
announced the recapture of the village
of Fleury by the crown prince's legions
in the fighting early this morning. The
Germans at the same time admitted that
the village had been wrested from their
hands in yesterday's desperate fighting.
The French war office issued a state-
ment at noon, admitting that the Ger-
mans had penetrated the southern por-
tion of Fleury in a heavy attack with
dense formations. The French are
clinging to the outskirts of the town,
Paris reported, and holding the station
southeast of Fleury.

At one stage of last night's fighting
the French recaptured the village of
Thiaumont, northeast of Fleury, but
subsequently were driven out by Ger-
man artillery fire.
On the same front, where the allies
are conducting their great offensive,
only minor operations, with some slight
British gains west of Pozieres, were re-
ported to the British war office. Berlin
claimed the repulse of all British and
French attacks.

The Russian army advancing on Ko-
vel has scored a further success. It was
officially announced at Petrograd today
The Slavs crossed the Stockholms river
near Luboch, capturing a series of for-
tified heights, and captured the village
of Rudka-Mirinskaya, twenty miles from
the railway center of Kovel.

GERMANS RETAKE FLEURY, SAYS BERLIN

Also Recapture Lost Ground at
Thiaumont.

BERLIN, Aug. 4.—German troops re-
captured the village of Fleury and
penches west and northwest of the
town in violent fighting this morning.
It was officially announced this after-
noon.

VERDUN FIGHT RAGES, FRENCH HOLD GAINS

Paris Reports Germans Suffer
Heavily in Counter-Attacks.

PARIS, Aug. 4.—In a most violent
battle northeast of Verdun last night,
the Germans suffered enormous losses
in repeated counter-attacks with massed
formations. It was officially announced
this afternoon.

The fighting continued throughout
the night and early today with first
one side and then the other advancing.
At one stage the French recaptured
Thiaumont, recaptured, lost several weeks
ago, only to lose it later.

Bloody fighting occurred around the
village of Fleury. The Germans enter-
ing the southern part of Fleury, but, de-
spite desperate counter-attacks, were un-
able to recapture the station.

Massed Attacks Fail.

The Teuton attack was made against
the whole of the Thiaumont-Fleury
front. Time and again German columns
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Kaufman Approved For Charity Board

Senate District Committee Also
Has Favorably Reported Cum-
mings Appointment.

The nomination of D. J. Kaufman
as member of the board of charities of
the District has been favorably report-
ed from the Senate District Committee.
The nomination of "Cy" Cummings
for member of the excise board has
also been favorably reported, and is on
the night and early today with first
one side and then the other advancing.
At one stage the French recaptured
Thiaumont, recaptured, lost several weeks
ago, only to lose it later.

BANKERS TOLD HOUSE FAVORS STERLING PLAN

Committee Gets Little Encour-
agement for Effort to Defeat
Tax on Intangibles.

NO HEARING TO BE GIVEN

Almost Without Precedent for
Such Action by Congress,
Citizens Are Informed.

Receiving little encouragement,
a committee representing the Dis-
trict of Columbia Bankers' Asso-
ciation called on Senators and
Congressmen at the Capitol today
in an effort to get a hearing on the
Senate amendment to the Dis-
trict bill taxing intangible personal
property.

When the House sent the Dis-
trict bill to conference today, in-
dications were that the Senate
amendment would be accepted by
the lower body.

The acceptance of this amend-
ment, Washington bankers esti-
mate, will result in the taxation
of more than \$250,000,000 in bank
deposits and stocks and bonds held
by residents of the District of
Columbia.

GIVE NO ASSURANCES.

Congressman Robert N. Page, who
will head the House conference on the
District bill, held out no assurances
regarding the rejection of the amendment.
The bankers' committee, comprising
William T. Gallinger, Col. Robert N.
Harper, and H. H. McKee, of the Bank-
ers' Association, conferred today with
Senators Gallinger and Martin, of the
Senate Appropriations Committee, and
Congressman Page, chairman of the
subcommittee that handles the District
bill for the House Appropriations Com-
mittee.

It is understood that none of these
legislators held out much hope con-
cerning the possibility of killing the
Senate amendment. The bankers' com-
mittee suggested that residents of the
District be given a hearing before the
conference, in view of the fact that the
legislation imposed additional taxes here
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BOY KILLED UNDER WHEELS OF A CAR

William H. Spignul, Aged 12,
Cut Almost in Two in Mt.
Pleasant Street.

Cut almost in two by the wheels of a
street car at Mt. Pleasant street and
Park road, twelve-year-old William
Harrison Spignul, of 1841 Monroe street
northwest, died before medical aid
could reach him shortly after noon to-
day.

William Spignul, father of the boy, ar-
rived in an automobile with the boy's
grandmother a few minutes after the
accident occurred.

The body was taken to the morgue.
According to persons near the scene
of the accident, the boy was riding a
bicycle on one car track when the tire
caught in the track and threw him un-
der the wheels of car No. 46, passing
on the opposite track.

It was necessary to summon a wreck-
ing and jack up the rear wheels of
the car to get the body out. The car
was in charge of William Harman, 434
Ninth street northeast, and E. H.
Reid, 515 Eighteenth street northeast.

Flood Death Toll Now Placed at 28

All Lived in Zone Along Blair
Creek, Only a Few Miles
Long.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., Aug. 4.—Reports
from the Blair Creek district today fix
the death list in yesterday's flood at
twenty-eight. The dead are:
ROBERT JOHNSON and wife,
MINTA and LILLIE WILEY, Monroe,
Mich., granddaughters of Crockett Ed-
monds.

Mrs. CROCKETT EDMONDS and
three children.
POTTER WALKER, wife and eight
children.
BUCK FERGUSON, wife and eight
children.

Those drowned lived in a zone a few
miles long. Investigation further down
creek showed none was killed, but prop-
erty damage is estimated at \$150,000.
Two flour mills, two storehouses, five
dwellings, crops and live stock were
lost. Trains on the Southern railroad
between Middlesboro and Knoxville were
stopped. It will be Saturday or Sunday
before this road will be clear for traf-
fic.

WHERE SAFE BLOWERS WORKED



Exterior View of Clarendon Post-
office.

YEGGS WHO BLEW POSTOFFICE SAFE ARE SOUGHT HERE

Washington Police and Detec-
tives Believe Men Came to
This City From Clarendon.

NO TRACE OF THEM FOUND

Convinced that two yeggs who blew
the safe of the Clarendon postoffice ear-
ly today are in hiding here, police and
detectives of the central office force are
putting forth every effort to run the
men down.

A good description of the men who
fled when detected in the act of robbing
the postoffice has been furnished local
authorities. An inventory of the post-
office discloses that the robbers ob-
tained no loot whatever.

It was 2 o'clock when Mrs. Lillian
Freese, aroused by the noise made by
the robbers, peered out of her window
directly opposite the postoffice and saw
one of the yeggs keeping vigil on the
outside of the place while his companion
worked within. Vainly Mrs. Freese says
the river and rowed across or hid some-
where until their pursuers were out of
sight.

Explosion Awakens Barber.

When the explosion occurred it awak-
ened Emory Washburn, who keeps a
barber shop next door to the postoffice.
Washburn's footsteps caused the robber
on the outside to rap on the glass in the
postoffice window and warn his pal, ac-
cording to Mrs. Freese. The two men
then fled down the road toward George-
town, she told the police.

Washburn, Special Officer Walter
Caton, Lewis Winner, and John Shep-
herd, residents of Clarendon, followed
the fugitives in an automobile, but
were unable to find them. It is assumed
that the men either made their way to
the river and rowed across or hid some-
where until their pursuers were out of
sight.

Nothing Missing From Safe.

Edward L. Payne, postmaster, who
lives some distance from the postoffice
found, on investigation, that the robber
had gained entrance through a rear
window by breaking the glass.

When Payne reached the postoffice he
found that the safe door had been blown
wide open, but that not one stamp had
been taken. He says there was about
\$100 in stamps and money in the safe.

Early yesterday morning Boyer's drug-
store, entered by a rear window and about
\$20 worth of drugs stolen. A quantity of
cocaine was taken by the thieves.

Casement Appeal Arrived Too Late

Senate Resolution Reached Brit-
ish Foreign Office Hour After
Irish Leader's Death.

The appeal of the United States Sen-
ate for clemency in behalf of Roger
Casement, who was executed in London
yesterday morning, was presented to
the British foreign office one hour
after the man was dead.
Information to this effect reached the
State Department today. The execution
was fixed for 9 o'clock yesterday morn-
ing. The appeal was presented at 10.
The resolution urging clemency was
adopted by the Senate last Saturday.
It was not forwarded to London, how-
ever, until 2 o'clock Wednesday after-
noon, which was about 8 o'clock at
night, London time.



Showing How Strong Box Was Torn by Explosive.

ALL N. Y. CAR LINES MAY STOP TONIGHT

Two Meetings of Employees and
Others Will Decide Course
of Action.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—Within twen-
ty-four hours it will be definitely
decided whether or not there is to be
a strike on the surface car lines in
Manhattan which are still in opera-
tion. A decision may be reached
early this evening.

While such a strike is almost cer-
tain, the question whether it will
necessarily mean a tie-up of the lines
is, in the opinion of the traction man-
agers, up to the police, who may by
their handling of the crowds prevent
intimidation of the employees loyal
to the companies.

Two meetings of employees and
others to be addressed by the out-
raged organizers are to be held to-
night at which the men of the New
York Railways Company will make
their decision and one at Morris Hall,
Long Island City, at which the Queens
County employees will vote.

It became known yesterday that the
plan of the organizers is to follow the
calling out of the men on the New York
Railways and Queens lines with the
service of demands on the Second Ave-
nue (now in the hands of a receiver),
then with the service of demands on the
subway and elevated systems, probably
on Tuesday, and, finally, late next
week, the same demands on the B. R.
and the Staten Island lines.

Four thousand strike breakers are be-
lieved held ready in other cities to be
rushed to New York, presumably to
work on the New York Railways and
Queens county lines, both those com-
panies being controlled by the Inter-
borough, which used similar tactics in
the strike twelve years ago.

\$1,000,000 Loss Is Caused by Tornado

Buildings Blown Across Railway
Tracks in Minnesota and
Southern Canada.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 4.—Buildings
were wrecked and blown across railway
tracks and crop damage conservatively
estimated at more than a million dol-
lars resulted from a tornado in north-
ern Minnesota and Southern Canada
early today.
The district about Crookston, Minn.,
was heaviest hit. It is believed no lives
were lost.

R. R. MEN WIN FIRST POINT IN SENATE FIGHT

Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion Tables Pay-Hours Probe
Plan.

MEDIATOR MAY BE NAMED

G. W. W. Hanger, of Federal
Board, Likely to Be Picked
to Take Up Controversy.

The railroad brotherhoods to-
day won a victory in their dis-
pute with the railroads when the
Senate Interstate Commerce Com-
mission tabled the Newlands resolu-
tion directing the Interstate
Commerce Commission to investi-
gate the subject of pay and hours
of service of railroad employees.

After a conference today be-
tween President Wilson and Judge
Chambers, of the Federal Board
of Conciliation and Mediation, it
was announced at the White
House that the President is keep-
ing in closest possible touch with
the developments in connection
with the threatened nation-wide
railroad strike.

MAY NAME HANGER.

It is thought probable that G. W. W.
Hanger, the new member of the Board
of Conciliation and Mediation, will be
named as a mediator between the em-
ployers and employees.

The railroad brotherhoods have been
opposing the railroads' resolution provi-
ding for an inquiry into pay and hours
of service of railroad men. The rail-
roads and the Chamber of Commerce of
the United States have been supporting
it.

The position of the brotherhoods has
been that they wanted to fight out their
trouble with the roads directly, but that
they would as a last resort submit to
mediation by the Government board.

The railroads do not want mediation
by this board. The railroads have got
many increases of freight rates in re-
cent months from the Interstate Com-
merce Commission, and take the view
they would have a good chance of win-
ning if the commission investigated.

Considers Letters.

The Senate committee on interstate
commerce today considered a letter
from the Chamber of Commerce of the
United States in favor of the resolution
and a letter from the brotherhoods op-
posing it. The brotherhoods said that
as the matters of difference would be
the subject of mediation under existing
law, the interstate commerce commis-
sion should not investigate.

After discussion, accordingly, the com-
mittee tabled the resolution. This means
the law as to mediation will prob-
ably take its course.

In some quarters, it is predicted that
if there is a railroad strike on a big
scale a powerful effort will be made in
Congress to secure compulsory arbitration
legislation.

Some of the railroad brotherhood lead-
ers fear this and are opposed to it. That
the Government ownership movement
would gain great headway from a strike
is believed, too, by many.

P.E.P. CO. HEARING PUT OFF UNTIL SEPT. 15

Postponement Granted at Re-
quest of Company Officials.

The Public Utilities Commission today
announced the postponement until Sep-
tember 15 of the hearing on the valua-
tion of the properties of the Potomac
Electric Power Company.

The hearing, which began June 25,
was adjourned July 21 until August 1.
Officials of the company, aware of the
fact that the Government's valuation
committee is preparing for the cross-exami-
nation of the commission's witnesses,
Charles L. Pillsbury, chief engineer,
and Andrew Sangster, chief accountant
of the valuation bureau.

Following the hearing on the Potomac
Electric Power Company, the commis-
sion will begin its hearing on the prop-
erties of the street railway companies.

I.C.C. RULES WERE MET ON BLACK TOM ISLAND

Tumulty Says There Were No
Violations of Federal Law.

Secretary to the President Tumulty
today addressed a letter to Frank A.
Rague, commissioner of public safety
of Jersey City, declaring that as far as
the Government's investigation has
gone no regulations of the Interstate
Commerce Commission regarding pack-
ing and transportation of explosives
had been violated in connection with
the explosion at Black Tom Island.
The letter further states that the local
authorities had the right to pre-
scribe limits within which explosives
may be handled. In view of the situa-
tion, the letter adds that it would ap-
pear that the Interstate Commerce
Commission has no power to prohibit
railroads from using public delivery
tracks for explosives that are packed
and shipped in accordance with the
Federal law.